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JUST RECEIVED  
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TOYS in Boxes.  
Horses and other Animals.  
Every Description of Dolls.  
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## SAYLE & Co.,

VICTORIA EXCHANGE,  
Hongkong,  
And Shanghai.

DUC DE MONTEBELLO CARTE  
BLANCHE CHAMPAGNE.  
Quarts, \$15 per case (1 dozen).  
Pints, \$16 " " " "  
5 per cent. discount on 25 cases.

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\$15 per case (1 dozen).

FOR SALE BY  
HEARD & Co.  
Hongkong, June 23, 1875.

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BARTON'S PATENT  
COMPOSITION PAINT,  
For Ships' Bottoms.  
Sole Agents for China,  
F. BLACKHEAD & Co.  
Hongkong, January 5, 1876.

## TAKASIMA COLLIERY.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
Agents.

FOR SALE.  
FRESH Takasima COAL, in lots to  
suit purchasers. LARGEST HANDPIEKED;  
Double screened at \$3 per Ton. SMALL,  
at \$5 per Ton.  
Apply to  
T. G. GLOVER,  
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Hongkong, December 8, 1875.

ON SALE  
THE  
CHINESE READER'S MANUAL.

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torical, Mythological and General  
Literary References,  
BY  
WILLIAM FREDERICK MAYHEW.

Price: \$3.  
Shanghai, Hongkong, and other ports.  
Hongkong, "China Mail" Office.

## Intimations.

### NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 51.

### CHINA SEA.

### FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

### OCKSEU ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Light on the High or West Ockseu Island was exhibited for the first time at sunset on the 3rd December, 1875.  
The illuminating apparatus is revolving Dioptric, of the First Order, showing white flashes at one minute intervals.  
The Light is elevated 286 feet above the level of the sea, and, in clear weather, it should be visible from a distance of 24 nautical miles.  
The Tower is round, of stone, 35 feet high, with a total height from its base to the lantern vane of 64 feet.  
The Tower is painted black, but the dwellings and boundary wall are painted white.  
The temporary fixed light, referred to in Notice to Mariners No. 34, has been discontinued.  
Approximate position:—Latitude 24° 59' N. Longitude 118° 28' E.  
By order of the Inspector General of Customs,  
DAVID M. HENDERSON,  
Engineer-in-Chief.  
Imp. Mar. Customs, Engineer's Office, Ockseu, December 4, 1875. ja9

### NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 52.

### CHINA SEA.

### AMOI DISTRICT.

### TSING-SHU LIGHTHOUSE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Tsing-shu Light on the Northern slope of the Island at the entrance to the outer harbor of Amoy was exhibited for the first time at sunset of the 13th December.  
The illuminating apparatus is fixed Dioptric, of the Fourth Order, showing a red light from N. 1° E. to N. 87° W., a white light from N. 87° W. round by W. and S. to S. 50° E., and a red light from S. 50° E. to S. 89° E. The bearings are magnetic and taken from seaward.  
The Light is elevated 130 feet above the level of the sea, and, in clear weather, the white light should be visible at a distance of 15 nautical miles, and the red light at 8.  
The Tower is octagonal, of stone and brick, 20 feet high, with a total height from its base to the lantern vane of 33 feet.  
The Tower is painted in alternate red and white vertical stripes, and the dwellings white.  
Approximate position:—Latitude, N. 24° 22'. Longitude, E. 118° 7'.  
By order of the Inspector General of Customs,  
DAVID M. HENDERSON,  
Engineer-in-Chief.  
Engineer's Office Custom House, Amoy, December 14th, 1875.  
N.B.—The Tai-Tan Island Light, No. 10 Third Issue of List of Chinese Lights for 1874, will not be discontinued till further notice. ja13

### NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 53.

### CHINA SEA.

### TAKOW DISTRICT.

### FISHER ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE.

### PESCADORES.

NOTICE is hereby given that the new Light on the S. W. extremity of Fisher Island near Lintait Point was exhibited for the first time at sunset of the 20th December. The new Tower has been erected near the old stone one which has since been removed.  
The illuminating apparatus is fixed Dioptric, of the Fourth Order, showing a white light visible all round except where obscured by the islands.  
The Light is elevated 205 feet above the level of the sea, and, in clear weather, it should be visible at a distance of 15 nautical miles.  
The Tower is round, of iron, 20 feet high, with a total height from its base to the lantern vane of 33 feet.  
The Tower is painted black, and the dwellings and boundary wall will be painted white.  
Approximate position:—Latitude, N. 23° 32' 58". Longitude, E. 119° 28' 7".  
By order of the Inspector General of Customs,  
DAVID M. HENDERSON,  
Engineer-in-Chief.  
Imperial Maritime Customs, Engineer's Office, Amoy, December 30, 1875. ja6

### WANTED.

A SITUATION, by a young German, as Servant Maid, to accompany a Lady or family en route to Europe.  
Terms: Free Passage Home.  
Address: "Home-passage," care of the China Mail Office.  
Hongkong, January 5, 1876. ja6

## Intimations.

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

### NOTICE.

THE following Gentlemen have been appointed as a CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE in London:—  
A. H. PHILIPPS, Esq., Director of London and County Bank.  
E. F. DUNNISON, Esq., of Messrs T. A. Gibb & Co.  
ALBERT DEACON, Esq., of Messrs E. & A. Deacon.  
SAN FRANCISCO AGENCY.  
Mr. W. H. HARRIS has been appointed Special Agent for the Corporation in San Francisco, and he has established himself at No. 405, California Street, in that City, where all descriptions of Agency Banking Business will be conducted.

### MANILA AGENCY.

Mr. C. J. BARNES has been appointed Special Agent for the Corporation in Manila, and he has established himself at No. 7, Square of San Gabriel, in that city, where all descriptions of Agency Banking Business will be conducted.

By order of the Court of Directors,  
JAMES GREIG,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, January 6, 1876. ja20

### HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the City Hall, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 23rd day of January next, at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing Auditors.

By order of the Board of Directors,  
P. A. DA COSTA,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, December 31, 1875. ja24

### HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

### NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be Closed from the 11th to the 24th day of January, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors,  
P. A. DA COSTA,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, December 31, 1875. ja24

## Entertainments.

### HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.

THE SECOND CONCERT OF THE SEASON (Complimentary to Mr. W. W. Frayling, Conductor.)

Will be given in the CITY HALL on

Thursday Evening,

January 13th, 1876.

COMMENCING AT 9 O'CLOCK.  
Tickets, Price \$2 each, may be obtained of Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., on and after MONDAY, January 10th. A Programme will shortly be published.

ROBERT G. ALFORD,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, January 3, 1876. ja13

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

I have this day authorized Mr. J. Y. V. SHAW to sign my name per procuration.

A. MACG. HEATON,  
Hongkong, January 1, 1876.

### NOTICE.

IN consequence of the retirement of Mr. EDWARD NORTON from our Firm, on 30th June last, our Business will after this date be carried on under the name and style of NORTON & Co.  
EDWARD NORTON & Co.  
Hongkong, December 31, 1875. ja10

### NOTICE.

MR. J. DE SOUZA, Jun., is this day admitted a Partner in our Firm.  
DE SOUZA & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1876. ja13

### NOTICE.

MR. CARL KRAUS has been duly authorized to sign our Firm per procuration from this date.

MELCHERS & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1876. ja6

### NOTICE.

WE have Established branches of our Firm at Haiphong and Hanoi. Mr. E. CONSTANTIN is authorized to sign per procuration in Tongkin.

LANDSTEIN & Co.  
Hongkong, December 31, 1875.

### NOTICE.

HAVING resigned my situation in the Yuen Fat Hong, I have this day established myself as Merchant and Commission Agent under the style of SUN CHEE & Co.

SUN CHEE & Co.  
Hongkong, November 11, 1875.

## Banks.

### COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

INCORPORATED BY NATIONAL DECREE OF 7TH AND 8TH MARCH, 1848.

BY IMPERIAL DECREE OF 25TH JULY, 1854, AND 31ST DECEMBER, 1866.

Recognized by the  
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30TH APRIL, 1862.

France. & Sterling.  
PAID-UP CAPITAL, 80,000,000 3,200,000  
RESERVE FUND, 20,000,000 800,000

HEAD OFFICE.—14, Rue Bergère, Paris.  
LONDON AGENCY.—144, Leadenhall St., E.C.

AGENCIES.—At Nankai, Lyons, Marseilles, Havre, Bombay, Calcutta, St. Denis (Ile de la Réunion), Hongkong, Shanghai and Yokohama.  
LONDON BANKERS.—Bank of England, Union Bank of London.

HONGKONG AGENCY.  
INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the monthly minimum balances, and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained at the office.

CHR. DE GUINÉ,  
Manager.

Offices in Hongkong: Bank Buildings, Queen's Road, Hongkong, May 14, 1875.

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.  
RESERVE FUND, 100,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.  
Chairman.—AD. ANDRE, Esq.

Deputy Chairman.—W. H. FORBES, Esq.  
E. B. BELLIOS, Esq. A. MOLVER, Esq.  
J. F. CORDES, Esq. F. D. SARGENT, Esq.  
H. HOPPIUS, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.  
Hongkong: JAMES GREIG, Esq.

Shanghai: EWEN CAMERON, Esq.  
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

### HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 " " "  
" 12 " 6 " " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.  
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

JAMES GREIG,  
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
Hongkong, August 12, 1875.

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

ELEGANT ENGLISH-MADE FURNITURE, WATER COLOURS, PIANO, &c., &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,  
the 15th January, 1876, at Noon, at the residence of A. MACG. HEATON, Esq., Grosvenor Villas, Cairns Road.

The whole of his Household and Substantially made Household FURNITURE, comprising handsome Chiffon covered Drawing-room Suite, Window Curtains, Mirrors, Solid carved Walnut Tables, Water Colors, Engravings, Mahogany Bookcase, Mahogany Maroon Morocco-covered Chairs, Couches, Carved Sideboard, Electro-plated Ware, China and Glass Ware, Handsomely made Dressing Tables, Washstands, Wardrobes, Iron and Brass Bedsteads, &c., &c., &c.

A Semi-grand PIANO by Baumgarden and Heins.

Catalogues will be on view the day previous to the sale.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.17. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, Dec. 27, 1875. ja13

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

### MONDAY,

the 10th day of January, 1876, at 2 o'clock p.m., at No. 4, Peel Street,—

The whole of the Substantial English and Colonial made Household FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—Drawing-room, Dining-room and Bed-room Suites, Marble-top Centre and Side Tables, English made Walnut brimston rep covered Sofas, Chairs and Easy Chairs, Oil Paintings, Oleographs, Chimney Glasses, Gasaliers with Crystal drops, Gas Brackets, Carpets, Hearth Rugs, Clocks, Teak Card Tables, Lace Window Curtains and Cornices, Dining Table, English made Walnut Sideboard with plate glass, Whatnots, Dinner, Dessert and Breakfast Sets, Glassware, Plated-ware, Teak Bedsteads with glass, Marble-top Chest of Drawers and Washstands, English made Mahogany Lady's Davenport, Double-wing Wardrobe, &c., &c., &c.

A Cottage PLANO, by E. H. Luman, Luheck.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on or after Saturday, the 8th Proximo.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17. All faults at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, Dec. 29, 1875. ja10

### NOW READY.

Price \$6.00.

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## Shipping.

### Steamers.

### OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.  
The Company's Steamship  
"DEUVALION"  
will be despatched on or about the 14th Proximo.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, December 29, 1875. ja14

### OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.  
Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for  
HANKOW, NINGPO & PORTS IN  
JAPAN.

The Company's Steamship  
"PRIAM"  
will be despatched on or about the 14th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, January 5, 1876. ja14

### Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK.  
The new A 1 American Bark  
"CAPRELLA"  
CHAR. S. RANDALL, Master, will  
load here and at Whampoa, and  
will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, December 9, 1875. ja14

### FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY.

(Calling at Adelaide if sufficient inducement offers.)  
The A 1 British Bark  
"NOVELTY"  
LIMNEY, Master, will load here  
for the above Ports, and will  
have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.,  
Hongkong, January 7, 1876.

### FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 British Bark  
"ARDENTINNY"  
BROWN, Master, will load here  
and at Whampoa, and will  
have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.,  
Hongkong, December 27, 1875.

### FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY.

The A 1 British Bark  
"W. M. TURNER"  
K. VANDERVOORD, Master, will  
load here for the above Ports,  
and will have early dispatch.

For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.,  
Hongkong, December 9, 1875. ja9

### FOR TAKAO-FORMOSA.

The British Bark  
"BALGOWNIE"  
BROWN, Master, will have  
prompt despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
TAYLOR & THOMPSON,  
Hongkong, December 31, 1875.

### FOR SALE, FREIGHT OR CHARTER.



## Mails.

**U. S. MAIL LINE.**  
**PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE S. S. "CHINA" will leave Hongkong for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on SATURDAY, the 15th January, 1876, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading are issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, and to New York and Europe via OVERLAND RAILWAYS. A Steamer of the Mitsui Bishi S. S. Company will leave Shanghai, via the inland Sea Ports, about same date, and make close connection at Yokohama, for selection of various lines of Steamers to England, France and Germany.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. 14th Proximo. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, Praya West.



STEAM FOR

Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle, Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi, Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean Ports, Southampton and London; Also,

Bombay, Madras, Calcutta and Australia.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship, with Her Majesty's Mail, Passengers, Specie, and Cargo, will leave this for the above places, on THURSDAY, the 20th Instant, at Noon.

CARGO will be received on board until Noon SPOKE and PARCELS at the Office until 2 p.m. on the 19th Instant. For particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply at the P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong.

## CONTENTS AND VALUE OF PACKAGES ARE REQUIRED.

A written declaration of the Contents and Value of the Packages for the Overland Route is required by the Egyptian Government, and must be delivered by the Shippers to the Company's Agents with the Bills of Lading, or with Parcels; and the Company do not hold themselves responsible for any detention or prejudice which may happen from incorrectness on such declaration.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co. reserve the option of forwarding all Goods shipped by their Steamers for Europe through Egypt, either by Rail, or by Canal in their own Steamers, or in vessels employed for the purpose.

A. MOYER, Superintendent, P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, January 7, 1876. ja20

## Occidental &amp; Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL

and UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "GALLIE" will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 1st February, 1876, at 8 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai. Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of 31st Instant. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Return Passage Tickets available for 6 months are issued at a reduction of 20 per cent on regular rates.

For further information as to Freight for Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, Praya West.

G. B. EMORY, Acting Agent, Hongkong, January 8, 1876. ja20

## TRANSLATION.

DOCUMENTS translated from English into Chinese and German, or from German, Chinese, French, Spanish, Italian or Portuguese, into English, by competent hands.

Special attention paid to PROTESTS, EXCHANGE PROTESTS, and other Documents containing Nautical, Engineering, or other Technical Terms.

Terms for European languages, Full copy, per legal folio, ... \$1.00. Half copy, ... \$0.50. Special arrangements made for Chinese translations of lengthy documents in other languages.

## TRANSLATION.

Case of China Mail Office, Hongkong, January 6, 1876.

## Insurances.

**QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**

THE Underwritten are prepared to grant Policies against Fire, to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

EDWARD NORTON & Co., Agents, Hongkong, January 1, 1876.

**YANG-TSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.**

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS, 800,000 TAIPEI.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the world at current rates. This Association will, until further notice, provide out of the earnings, first for an Interest Dividend of 15% to Shareholders on Capital, and thereafter distributed among Policy holders, annually, in cash, ALL the Profits of the Underwriting Business pro rata to amount of premium contributed.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents, Hongkong, July 9, 1874.

**LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.** (FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Underwritten are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Vessels in Matched, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions. Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents Hongkong & Canton, Hongkong, January 4, 1877.

**THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHRAN, Secretary, Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

**MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.**

THE Underwritten have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

**THE LONDON ASSURANCE.**

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

of His Majesty King George The First, A.D. 1720.

THE Underwritten having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either here, in London, or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 on reasonable terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

**CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).**

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World, in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association. Two Thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYMPHANT & Co., General Agents, Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

**YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.**

NOTICE.

AFTER this date, the above Association will allow a Brokerage of Thirty-three and One Third per cent. (33 1/3%) on Local Risks only.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents, Hongkong, June 3, 1874.

**MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.**

THE Underwritten Agents are in receipt of instructions from the Board of Directors authorizing them to issue Policies to the extent of £10,000 on any one first class risk, or to the extent of £15,000 on adjusting risks at current rates.

A Discount of 20% allowed.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Hongkong, January 5, 1876.

## Insurances.

**THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INSURANCE COMPANY, ADELAIDE.**

CAPITAL, £250,000.

THE Underwritten having been appointed Agents for the above Company in Hongkong, China and Japan, are prepared to issue Policies of Marine Insurance, payable in Australia, London, Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, China and Japan at current rates.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Hongkong, September 6, 1875.

**VICTORIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HONGKONG LIMITED, IN LIQUIDATION.**

NOTICE.

ALL Persons holding Warrants against unclaimed Dividends, Interest, or Bonus, are requested to present same for payment at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank before the 1st April, 1876, otherwise their claims will not be recognized.

ADOLF ANDRE, Liquidator, F. D. SASSOON, Liquidator, Hongkong, December 20, 1875. ap1

**VICTORIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HONGKONG LIMITED, IN LIQUIDATION.**

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A FIRST Dividend of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) per Share will be payable at the Office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong, on and after January 1st, 1876, on which day Shareholders are requested to apply for warrants at the Company's Office, 48, Queen's Road, Victoria, producing at the same time their scrip for endorsement.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 15th to the 31st December, 1875, both days inclusive.

ADOLF ANDRE, Liquidator, F. D. SASSOON, Liquidator, Hongkong, November 15, 1875. ja15

**CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Third and Final Instalment of \$200 of the call of \$500 per Share authorized by the Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders, held on the 21st June, is payable on the 31st December, instant, at the Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China, Hongkong.

Interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum will be charged against the holder for the time being of any Share, in respect of which the above mentioned instalment shall not be paid by the said 31st December.

By Order, W. H. RAY, Secretary, Hongkong, December 14, 1875. ja14

**THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE CO.**

THE Underwritten having been appointed Agent in Hongkong, for the above-named Company, is prepared to grant Policies against Fire, on Buildings and on Goods, to the extent of £10,000, at the usual rates, subject to an immediate discount of 20%.

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A. MAO-G. HEATON, Hongkong, September 27, 1875.

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GILMAN & Co., Agents, Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

**ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.**

THE Underwritten having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co., Agents, Royal Insurance Company, Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

## Intimations.

**PILOTAGE.**

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H. F. STUART, Hongkong, April 6, 1875. ap6

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H. C. BAILIE, Manager, Office, Novelty Iron Works, PRAYA WEST, Hongkong, Hongkong, July 26, 1875. ja26

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China Mail Office, Hongkong, January 6, 1876.

**THE CHINESE MAIL.**

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CHUN AYIN, Manager, Hongkong, February 23, 1874.

**NOTICE.**

In the Goods of GEORGE BARTY FALCONER, Deceased.

ALL Persons having any CLAIMS against the above Estate are requested to send in full particulars of the same to the Underwritten, on or before the 28th Day of February, 1876, after which date no Claims will be recognized.

And all Persons being indebted to the said Estate are requested to make immediate Payment.

I. B. FALCONER, Administrator, Hongkong, December 8, 1875. ja28

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Orders will be received by Messrs. Lane Crawford & Co., Hongkong, July 31, 1875.

**NOTICE.**

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ON THURSDAY, the 13th January, 1876, at Noon, the Company's S. S. MEIKONG, Commandant FOUCHÉ, with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping orders will be granted till noon, Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. Specie and Passes until 3 p.m., on the 13th January, 1876. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

O. BERTRAND, Principal Agent.  
Hongkong, January 5, 1876. ja13

## Notices to Consignees.

## NOTICE.

TO CONSIGNEES OF OPTIONAL CARGO, EX O. S. CO.'S S. S. SARPEDON, FROM LIVERPOOL.

SHIPPING Orders must be obtained from the Underigned not later than the 10th instant, for shipment per *Prima*.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 5, 1876. ja10

S. S. EGERIA,  
FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Goods by the above Steamer are hereby notified, that the Cargo is being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Underigned, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless applied for by the Consignees before Noon To-day, the 3rd instant.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SIEMSEN & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 3, 1876. ja10

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. "Ararat" having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned, for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed and stored at their risk and expense.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 4, 1876. ja11

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per German Barque IRIS, WENDT, Master, from Hamburg, are requested to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by Wm. PUSTAU & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 3, 1876.

BRITISH SHIP GRYFE, FROM  
LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned, for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel, will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, December 30, 1875.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. AMAZON.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. "Indus" from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained from MONDAY, the 3rd January, 1876.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before 5 p.m. To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after THURSDAY, the 6th inst., at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

C. BERTRAND,  
Principal Agent.

Hongkong, December 30, 1875.

## Intimations.

LETTS'S DIARIES for 1876, in every variety.  
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Hongkong, October 19, 1875. 4.

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## To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Steamship "VENICE,"

Captain J. H. WATSON, will leave for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 15th inst., at 3 p.m.

Despatches will close at 2.30 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
Hongkong, January 5, 1876. ja15

FOR MANILA.

The Spanish Steamship "ALBA,"

VILLAMIL, Master, will have immediate despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 5, 1876.

GERMAN STEAMSHIP "ALTONA,"

MULLER, Master, FROM HAMBURG VIA COLUMBO AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Underigned, whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to take their Goods from the boat alongside the Wharf, are at liberty to do so.

Goods remaining in store after the 18th instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary is given by 5 p.m. this day.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by Wm. PUSTAU & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 5, 1876. ja15

LOSS.

ON the 7th inst., in the neighbourhood of Old Bailey Street, a Small Black and White Japanese Dog, answering to the name of "JAP," Whoever brings same to Messrs BROADBENT, ANTHONY & Co., Praya, will receive a reward of Five Dollars.

Hongkong, January 5, 1876. ja15

NOTICE.

THE Public are hereby informed that Mr W. H. LEWIS is no longer in my Employ.

AFONG,  
Photographer.

Hongkong, January 5, 1876. ja15

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Hongkong Hotel on FRIDAY, the 25th inst., at 3.30 p.m.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 23rd inst., both days inclusive.

By Order of the Directors,  
LOUIS HAUSCHILD,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 5, 1876. ja15

WANTED.

BY the Advertiser, a Situation as Mess- en- castle Assistant or otherwise. Has been in the employ at one of the Southern Coast Ports for the last sixteen years, doing the firm's Bookkeeping, Marine and Fire Insurance work and Correspondence, and all work in connection with the landing, shipping of cargoes and despatch of four Coast Steamers weekly. Has also superintended for several years the Landing, Stowing, Weighing and Delivery of the opium and treasure from the Coast Ports, and kept the Accounts and Correspondence of both.

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Hongkong, January 5, 1876.

## To-day's Advertisements.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

## WANTED.

A European ASSISTANT for the Hongkong Office of the above Company.

Applications, in writing only, to be sent to the Underigned.

By Order, W. H. RAY,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 5, 1876. ja15

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. SPOUT requests those of his Friends and Patients with unfinished work, and those requiring his services, to call at their earliest convenience, as he expects to be absent from the Colony profess onally after the 1st of February until further notice.

Hongkong, January 5, 1876.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (for account of the concerned), on

MONDAY,

the 10th instant, at Noon, at the Godown of D. NOWROOZE, Esq., Wanchoi,

9 bales BOMBAY COTTON.

Also,

At Godown of Messrs N. MODY & Co., Wanchoi,

5 bales BOMBAY COTTON.

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(More or less damaged by sea water.)

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

H. N. MODY,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Jan. 5, 1876. ja10

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Jan. 5, *Altona*, German steamer, 1175, Müller, Hamburg Nov. 3, Malta 24, Fort Said 23, Suez Dec. 1, Colombo 18, Singapore 30, General—Wm. PUSTAU & Co.

Jan. 5, *Christina A. P.*, Niagara (Canadian America), three-masted schooner, 175, Cape Frederick, Callao, Nov. 24, Saltpetre and General—QADBE.

Jan. 5, *Fungshun*, from Canton.

Jan. 5, *North Castle*, British barque, 384, Linklater, Chetoo Dec. 31, General—CHURCH.

Jan. 5, *Armenia*, from Whampoa.

DEPARTURES.

Jan. 5, *Annie Grey*, for Saigon.

8, *Memor*, for Saigon.

8, *Ningpo*, for Canton.

8, *Canton*, for Bangkok.

CLEARED.

Union, for Manila.

Portsmouth, for Saigon.

Doiglas, for Swatow, &c.

Rajah, for Swatow.

Fungshun, for Shanghai.

Nei Granada, for Singapore.

Glory, for Bangkok.

Fabius, for Bangkok.

Victor, for Whampoa.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.—Per *Altona*, Mr. L. Reuter, and 12 Chinese.

Per *Christina A. P.*, 18 Chinese.

Per *North Castle*, 6 Chinese.

DEPARTED.—Per *Memor*, 20 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The German steamer *Altona* reports: had strong winds with heavy sea in the N. th Sea and Bay of Biscay. In the Mediterranean had fine weather, and after passing Suez experienced strong head winds nearly the whole way to Hongkong.

The *Christina A. P.* reports: fine weather throughout.

The Brit. barque *North Castle* reports: first part of passage had strong monsoon, latter part light winds with thick weather.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For SHANGHAI, at 9 a.m. To-morrow, the 6th inst.

For SAIGON, at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, the 10th inst.

For SINGAPORE & PENANG, at 1.30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 11th inst.

For SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA, at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, the 13th inst.

MAILS BY THE FRANKLIN PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet *MEIKONG* will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 13th inst., with Mails to and through the United Kingdom via Marseilles to Europe, Saigon, Singapore, Galle, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 12th Jan.—

5 p.m. Money Order Office closes, Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 13th Jan.—

7 a.m. Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m. Registry of Letters ceases.

11 a.m. Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m. Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom or to Singapore may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 15 cents extra postage, until

11.30 a.m. when the Post Office Closes entirely.

ALFRED LISTER,  
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,  
Hongkong, December 30, 1875. ja15

## POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *OHINA*, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 15th January, at 3 p.m., with the Mails.

For Yokohama, San Francisco, the United States and the United Kingdom.

Letters can be posted on board the Packet from 2.30 p.m. to 2.50 p.m. on payment of a Late Fee of 12 cents in addition to the Postage.

The prepayment of the Postage to all the above places by this route is compulsory. Correspondence insufficiently prepaid will be forwarded by the English Packets.

Correspondence addressed to Yokohama, and the United States, must be super-scribed per *China*, and that addressed to the United Kingdom, must be super-scribed "via San Francisco."

The Post Office will be open for the reception of Ordinary Letters, Books, Newspapers, &c., until 2.30 p.m.

ALFRED LISTER,  
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,  
Hongkong, December 28, 1875. ja15

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—

The English Contract Packet *KASHGAR* will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 20th inst.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 19th Jan.—

5 p.m. Money Order Office closes.

6 p.m. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 20th Jan.—

7 a.m. Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m. Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 a.m. Letters may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 15 cents extra postage, until

11 a.m. when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.30 a.m. Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom via Brindisi or to Singapore may be posted on board the Packet on payment of a Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage.

11.50 a.m. Posting on Board ceases.

ALFRED LISTER,  
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,  
Hongkong, Jan. 7, 1876. ja20

General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, Jan. 11.—

Transfer Books of H. O. & M. Steamboat Co. closed from this date till 24th January, inclusive.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 12.—

9 p.m.—Meeting of Victoria Lodge.

THURSDAY, Jan. 13.—

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

9 p.m.—Concert at City Hall.

FRIDAY, Jan. 14.—

Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.

Deputation leaves for London on or about this date.

Prize leaves for Shanghai on or about this date.

Transfer Books of Hongkong Hotel Co. Limited, closed from this date to 28th instant, inclusive.

SATURDAY, Jan. 15.—

Noon.—Sale of Household Furniture, at the residence of A. MacG. Heaton; Esq., Grosvenor Villas, Cairne Road.

3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

3 p.m.—*Ararat* leaves for Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.

3 p.m.—*Victor* leaves for Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.

TUESDAY, Jan. 18.—

Goods per *Altona* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, Jan. 20.—

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

MORNDAY, Jan. 24.—

3 p.m.—Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, Limited, at the City Hall.

FRIDAY, Jan. 28.—

3.30 p.m.—Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited, at Hongkong Hotel building.

MORNDAY, Jan. 31.—

Claims against the Estates of Seth Aviet Seth, Johannes Christian Bobsein, Von Tsee, Henry Strodt, Ahyoong, George Munro, Daniel Norton, deceased, must be proved on or before this date.

TUESDAY, Feb. 1



## THE SPIRIT OF THE MORNING PRESS.

The Press comments on the establishment of the proposed arsenal at Tai Nga Fu, remarking that "this new enterprise is undoubtedly another proof of the determination of the Chinese Government to take every possible means to provide for its defence and restore the old exclusiveness as far as it can. To spend money in building arsenals is of course, a great mistake, for China cannot at present afford the outlay; and a much smaller sum, appropriated to the training of their officers, and the drilling, by competent European instructors, of the rank and file of their army, would be far more wisely employed." While, however, the real utility of these arsenals may be questioned, and the extravagant expenditure on them censured, the appointment of the new establishment to the post of manager of the new establishment at Tainan-fu is evidently a most judicious one. And if such arsenals become agents for the development of the mineral resources of the Empire, they may, after all, not prove utterly useless. The results of the experiment shortly to be made in Chihli with mining machinery will, in all probability, do something towards removing the thick crust of prejudice from the official mind. The friends of China all unite in sincerely hoping it may do so, for nothing is more calculated to promote the material progress of China than the development of her mineral resources."

## THE HONGKONG NATIVE PRESS.

The Chinese Mail replies to an article of the Chung Ngai San Po, which advocated Chinese emigration. The writer there contended that the absence of Chinese Consuls at the various countries to which the Chinese emigrated was the very reason why Chinese emigration should now be encouraged, because the ill-treatment of the Chinese abroad would hasten China in the appointment of consuls, and if she did not do so, the blame would lie at her door. The Chinese Mail retorts, that so long as that state of things exists, contract emigration should be prohibited, because the effect of emigration under present conditions would be the consignment of a number of men to a certain doom, which no enlightened government would bear to see or encourage. But when China is strong enough to protect her subjects abroad, and has appointed consuls, by all means let Chinamen go abroad to seek their fortunes, for China is the most populous country in the world, and there must be some outlet found for her teeming population. Although Englishmen are seen in all parts of the world, yet no evil has arisen from such emigration, because England is powerful enough to protect her subjects wherever they are. But the only remedy for ameliorating the condition of the Chinese, while emigration is prohibited, is to transfer the superabundant population to those provinces which have not recovered from the ravages of the late rebellions, or to utilize them in the colonization of aboriginal Formosa, such as the opening-up of her mineral resources.—The same issue contains on the new system which Shen Faou Chen has adopted for the suppression of immorality.

The Chung Ngai San Po (the Chinese issue of the Daily Press), while giving the statistics of the export of tea from India, says China cannot now claim the monopoly of the export of this article of merchandise. The favour of tea grown in India compares very favourably with that produced in China. That being the case it is not likely that foreign consumers will go to a more distant country to get what they can obtain much nearer home. The reason why the Chinese tea is losing its favour is because of the evil mixing, which is absent in the Indian tea. Though immediate gain is made by mixing good quality tea with that of an inferior quality, the result will be ultimate loss. It may be a gain to some individuals, but it will hurt the country at large. The writer hopes Chinese dealers will pay attention to this subject, so as not to drive the trade out of the country.—The same paper reports the attack on a junk named *Chung Tat*, which trades between Hongkong and a place called Cheung Sha, and the discomfiture of the pirates.

The Universal Circulating Herald has an article on the insurmountable difficulty of establishing railways in China. Some might say traditions would not permit of the innovation, and that the resources of the country, in consequence of the late rebellions, are not sufficient. It says the difficulty does not lie in those directions. It is the dislike of the people which cannot be overcome. This is why the telegraph from Foochow to Amoy cannot be accomplished, though the space required for it is so small, as poles are only here and there put up. If so little interference with property is objected to, how can it be expected that railways which require the removal of tombstones and graves be allowed? Moreover, if the railway is built, still greater difficulty would be found in maintaining it, as robbers will be constantly digging up the rails, and the vigilance required will cost more than the earnings of the

undertaking. Moreover, China is a very populous country, so that almost every inch of land is cultivated or built upon, and she is in this respect different to foreign countries. This alone is a sufficient reason why railways cannot be constructed in China. China has adopted the foreign steamers and their weapons of warfare. But the reason she does not adopt the railway is not because she is not alive to its great uses.—The report of the case of Lum Keen v. Tang Shun Yee, in homeopathic instalments, has been brought to a close.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

It will be observed that the Reuter's Telegrams published to-day name Lord Lytton as the future Viceroy of India. This, we presume, the Indian official who *nom de plume* "Owen Meredith" is somewhat better known than are his qualifications for so important an office. It certainly seems curious that a man of such comparative inexperience should have been selected, but fuller news by future mails will doubtless throw some light on the subject.

We learn from a Chinese source of a somewhat novel plan which the new Viceroy of the Two Kiang, Shen Faou Chen, has adopted of putting down immorality in the provinces under his jurisdiction. He is said to have ordered that all brothels should be removed from their former localities of comparative obscurity to the most open and exposed thoroughfares, that the entrances thereto should be only three feet high and one foot wide, so that the frequenters of such places would have to incur the odium of literally crawling into the establishments and of being observed so to do in the most conspicuous manner.

Our Police reports constantly teem with cases of drunkenness and disorderly conduct, but if all the men belonging to the Russian corvette *Ryben* who came under this category had been taken before the Magistrate, both they and the police would have had enough to do. A number of men from this ship have been on liberty of late, and many of them, some of them two or three hours after landing, have been carried down to the jetty by their shipmates in a state of complete intoxication. They appear to be fine strapping men physically, but when in their cups do not at all come up to the type of the respectable Jack ashore. The manner in which they hug one another and run after little boys is laughable but is rather suggestive of the Darwinian theory. For the credit of the Russian flag the officers should see to this.

A serious landslide happened about three o'clock this afternoon. A number of coolies were cutting earth immediately under Baxter House, in order to build a retaining wall. While they were doing so, a quantity of earth, accompanied with boulders, fell and buried some five of the workmen underneath. Immediately on the report being made to the police, a party of European prisoners and some policemen were sent to the spot. They had succeeded up to the time of getting in extricating one who was badly wounded and recovering the body of another. There were fourteen men present when the accident occurred, but most of them escaped, and the Chinese foreman reported that there were only five of his men missing. A number of boys and women were also working there. But being carriers of earth, they were not in the immediate vicinity of the place when the earth gave way.

The explanation given at the Magistrate yesterday that a mistake had been made regarding Mr. Berton's instructions to appear on behalf of the Tung Wah Hospital Committee relieves that body of the accusation of stepping in between a Government department and the Police Court. It leaves however untouched the general question, and as illustrating the views which undue interference on their part would evoke, the incident had its value. It is not improbable that the strong expressions of opinion made use of under a misapprehension of the facts will act as a salutary caution to the Committee. We hope so. For the rest our comment on presumable facts made known at the Police Court was natural and justifiable. And, we may add, that if so experienced a practitioner as Mr. Berton was misled the likelihood of the Chinese community being similarly deceived was at least great.

It may be remembered that, at the last Criminal Session, a woman was sent to fourteen years' penal servitude for stealing two female children. The Chief Justice, at the time sentence was passed, expressed the greatest sympathy for the bereaved father, and even held out to the condemned a chance of commutation if she would exert herself in the recovery of the lost children. Since then communications have been made to the Chinese authorities through H. B. M. Consul at Canton, and the result has been the despatch of the woman there, under the charge of Inspector Oley, with

the view of tracing back the kidnapped children. We are now glad to learn that one of the little ones has been recovered, and that it is expected the other one may also be discovered and restored.

The Chinese are likely to be deprived of their favorite flowers at the coming New Year. This plant in question is called the "Tin Chooong Fa," or the "Hanging Bell Flower," and is much used to adorn vases in the reception halls of Chinese family houses. The Police have been unusually zealous in bringing before the Magistrate those who try to obtain a living by cutting down and selling branches of this shrub in bud. Two batches of prisoners were brought up before Mr. Russell to-day for having in their possession a bundle of this shrub, which it was suspected had been cut down from growing plants on the hill. They were fined \$3 each; the period of imprisonment for the first batch, in default of payment, was fourteen days' hard labour; and that for the other one was only one week, though the amount of fine was the same in both instances.

The following is the order of Service at St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, 1st Sunday after Epiphany, 9th January, 1876:—Morning Prayer, Litany, and Sermon at 11.—Reader, The Colonial Chaplain; Preacher, The Bishop of the Diocese; First Lesson, Isaiah, chapter xii.; Second Lesson, Matthew, chapter v. from verse 31; Venite, 6. Mercer; Te Deum, Oakley; Jubilate, 2. Mercer; First hymn, "Come Great Conqueror of the Nations," No. 129; Second hymn, "Brightest and best of the Sons of the morning," No. 115. Evening Prayer and Sermon at 4.—Reader, The Colonial Chaplain; Preacher, The Colonial Chaplain; First Lesson, Isaiah, chapter xii. from verse 18 to end of chapter xiii.; Second Lesson, Acts, chapter v. from verse 17; Psalm, No. 65 and 69; Monk, "Magnificat," 107. Monk; Nun, "Dimittis," 143. Monk; Anthem, "Lord for thy tender mercies sake," Farrant, No. 4; Hymn after Sermon, "Brightest and best," No. 115.

The Press publishes the following telegrams:—London, Jan. 4.—Lord Northbrook has intimated his inability to hold office in India during another summer; Lord Lytton succeeds him as Viceroy. Lord Northbrook receives an earldom.

The obituary list includes Sir Anthony de Rothschild.

The *Farquhar* training ship was burnt at Woolwich. The boys were all saved. Incendiaries are suspected.

The Russians are preparing to cross Syr Daria to occupy Marghlan and Andirgan, and in all probability they will eventually annex Southern Khokand.

## THE CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED TO AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING.

We submit hereunder extracts from the despatches read at yesterday's meeting and which pressure on our space obliged us to hold over from our last night's report.

On the subject of the Blockade the Clerk of Council read a despatch containing amongst others the following remarks:—

"In reference to the correspondence laid before Parliament in April last, relating to the complaints of the mercantile community of Hongkong against the action of the Chinese cruisers in the neighbourhood of the Colony, I am directed by the Earl of Carnarvon to transmit to you for the consideration of the Earl of Derby a copy of the despatch addressed to his Lordship by the officer administering the Government of Hongkong in the absence of Sir Arthur Kennedy. Lord Derby will no doubt remember that Sir Brooks Robertson, in his despatch of the 1st December, 1874, reported that in consequence of his representations to the Cantonese authorities their revenue steamers had been placed under the foreign collectorate of Customs, and that not one case of complaint had been brought before him since."

Lord Carnarvon derived from that announcement the impression, which was probably shared by Lord Derby, that the revenue service of the Canton Government would henceforth be performed by these steam cruisers alone, and that the miscellaneous class of small vessels which had so long harassed the trading junks of Hongkong would be altogether withdrawn. It is therefore with great regret that Lord Carnarvon learns from the enclosed despatch that the legitimate traders of the Colony are still harassed by armed vessels, offered by Chinese under no recognized legal control, and manned by persons who have formed a portion of the duties to be collected on the coast of the adjoining province, and that fresh cases are reported in which acts of violence and spoliation are alleged to have been committed by these vessels, even in British waters, for which no redress could be obtained. The system pursued by the Provincial Government of Canton of maintaining a 'cordon' of armed vessels of all sizes and descriptions round the island of Hongkong for the collection of their customs duties gives rise to such incessant and well-founded complaints on the part of the Colony, that Lord Carnarvon earnestly invites Lord Derby's assistance and co-operation in devising some means of inducing the Chinese Government to protect their legitimate revenue by better regulated and less vexatious means. In his despatch to Sir A. Kennedy of the 22nd of March last, suggested, having regard to existing circumstances and to the progress of commercial intercourse and relations between China and foreign Powers, a reconsideration of the proposal originally made by Her Majesty's Minister in 1869 for the appointment of a Chinese Consul officer in Hongkong, who should be entrusted with the privilege of collecting from junk masters receipts for export duty on goods imported into the Colony from China, and of issuing to them similar receipts for import duty on goods shipped to China from Hongkong. It appeared that such an arrangement would substantially protect

the Chinese Government against the contraband trade carried on by its own subjects with the Colony, and remove the grounds of complaint on which they justify the continuance of the arbitrary and unusual course which the colonists have termed a 'Blockade' of the Island. It will be seen, however, from the enclosed despatch that the Colonial Government, and the general community are as averse as ever to the appointment of a Chinese Consul in Hongkong, and that they would regard the establishment in the Colony of a branch of the Foreign Collectorate urged by Sir Arthur Kennedy in his despatch of the 22nd August, 1874, as a less distasteful alternative, but the latter scheme, though well worthy of consideration, could hardly be carried out without much preliminary discussion and unavoidable delay; and Lord Carnarvon is most anxious that if possible, steps should be taken immediately through the good offices of Lord Derby to allay the irritation which not unnaturally prevails in the Colony, and to remove any impression that Her Majesty's Government underestimates the gravity of the complaints which have been urged so long and so strenuously by the mercantile community, or are indisposed to afford them the protection and relief to which they may be fairly entitled. Lord Carnarvon is informed by Sir A. Kennedy that he has failed in all his efforts to obtain from the Cantonese authorities a statement of the tariff of exports, and import duties which they claim to levy on the trade of Hongkong, and this circumstance gives additional weight to the complaint referred to in the fourth part of the letter from this department of the 3rd of March last, that an export duty is exacted on goods leaving the colony as if Hongkong were part of the territory of China. Sir A. Kennedy in his despatch of 28th Aug., 1874, suggested that the following terms should if possible be obtained:—The suppression of all revenue cruisers except those under the immediate authority of the Hoppo, who is an officer holding his appointment direct from the Emperor. A clear understanding of the tariff and publication of the Chinese customs regulations, together with the ports and payable.—3rd.—The appointment of a joint board to sit at Hongkong or Chinese Kowloon to investigate cases of alleged illegal seizure with publication of the decision in each case. Lord Carnarvon is disposed to think that if the above conditions were accepted and strictly approved by the Chinese Government they would at once unshackle the honest and legitimate trade of the Colony, and prepare the way to a larger measure of relief such as might be afforded by the proposed establishment in Hongkong of a branch of the Foreign Collectorate of Customs. The enclosed despatch hardly leaves room for doubt that the abuses pointed out in the letter from this department of the 3rd of March last, will result to a great extent, and I am to request that you will draw Lord Derby's attention to the Statement of the Acting Registrar-General that two of the crew of the junk *Wing Chung Lung*, unlawfully seized while in British waters on the 28th March last, were tortured by the Chinese officials. Lord Carnarvon hopes that Lord Derby will be able to take the whole matter into early consideration and that he will favour him with his opinion as to the course of action which would be best calculated to relieve the Colony from the grievance to which it has so long been subjected, and place the relation between the Governor of Hongkong and the Cantonese authorities on a more satisfactory footing.

A second despatch contained the following observations:—I am directed by the Earl of Derby to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, together with its enclosure, relative to the complaints of the mercantile community of Hongkong against the action of Chinese revenue cruisers in the neighbourhood of that colony, and expressing Lord Carnarvon's wish that measures may be taken to place matters on a more satisfactory footing; and I am to state to you in reply for his Lordship's information, that Her Majesty's Minister at Peking as well as Her Majesty's Consul at Canton have been furnished with copy of your letter and have at the same time been instructed to give an opinion as to the best means of remedying the evil complained of.

H. E. the Governor then said: I think I shall betray no confidence in reading to you a letter addressed to me by Mr. Whithall, after an examination of the subject on the occasion of my going to have an interview with the Secretary of State. Mr. Whithall says:—

"The more I think over our conversation of last Friday, and your suggestions for meeting the Blockade difficulty, namely, that the Chinese Authorities should be made to furnish the Hongkong Government with a fixed tariff of duties and so forth, for its guidance, and that in case of any disputes or illegal seizures thereupon on junks directly connected with the Colony, a Mixed Court should exist for deciding the question at issue on such basis, the more I appreciate your views of the position under existing circumstances, and I am glad to say Mr. Jardine and others interested in the China trade share the same feelings. We hope, however, that this will be looked upon only as a first instalment, as there can be no doubt that this view of the case is the one universally urged by the Hongkong community, and that it is the proper place for collecting import duties, and the responsibility should rest with the port of shipment, but at the same time, that this point will not be lost sight of when the proper time arrives. I once thought that the appointment of a Chinese Consul might meet the case, but even if a foreigner was nominated I must own I now see grave difficulties in the way, still greater in the suggestion that a branch of the Foreign Customs should be established in the Colony to regulate and look after the Chinese portion of the trade, for either of these two schemes would virtually do away with Hongkong as a free port, to say nothing of the certainty that duties thus collected would be sure to find their way into the Imperial Treasury, and that the local authorities of Canton and neighbourhood would have to initiate some other ambiguous scheme upon the trade to make up for the deficiency, which your proposal, I feel certain, would protect us from both of these risks. I trust you will meet with every success in bringing this long vexed matter to a satisfactory conclusion."

H. E. then said he would read the last words he written the subject before leaving England. In the course of doing so he said: "It is impossible to reach the Chinese Government to reach their land and international right in preventing their

revenue, but on the other hand British subjects and Chinese, dwelling and trading under our flag, have a right to know what the legal revenue dues are; where, and to whom they are to be paid; and that they should have some easy and simple redress if cheated or 'squeezed.' If these points are firmly insisted upon, and conceded by the Chinese Government and Canton Hoppo, and a joint board appointed to investigate all alleged illegal seizures (vide paragraph 21 of my despatch 28th August, 1874, page 4 printed paper), I believe it would satisfy the ends of justice and all reasonable men, and that the agitation would die out. I may here remark that I have repeatedly applied for a copy of the tariff of duties levied or leviable by the blockaders, and could never obtain one. The reason is obvious. The exaction of legal duties only would not justify the maintenance of an extensive blockading squadron; it would not longer pay. That is my belief."

THE MARRIAGE ORDINANCE. In the body of his despatch regarding the protest of Bishop Raimondi and the Roman Catholic clergy, on the subject of Civil Marriage, Earl Carnarvon said:—"Bishop Raimondi and the members of the Roman Catholic clergy who have signed this protest are mostly French or Italian subjects, bound in their own respective countries by a similar law to that which they now so unreservedly condemn; moreover, their congregations in Hong Kong are almost entirely composed of foreigners like themselves, and I can hardly doubt therefore that, upon further reflection, instead of denouncing the British Government from the pulpit, as they propose to do, they will deem it more consistent with their holy mission to set an example of respect and obedience to the just and liberal laws of the nation under whose protection they are living, and to whose Government they owe a temporary allegiance." In the later despatch to the Governor, Earl Carnarvon concluded as follows:—"I noticed that Bishop Raimondi subscribes himself, Vicar Apostolic of Hongkong. This is a title which, as you are aware, cannot be conceded to him by Her Majesty's Government, and which you will no doubt avoid using in your official communications with him."

He then proceeded, as we yesterday stated, to read various paragraphs from the Protest sent in by Bishop Raimondi. The first ran as follows:—"The majority of the Christians of Hongkong are Roman Catholics; moreover, as the Protestants are not settled in Hongkong we may say that the Christian resident population is totally Catholic." After stating in what light Catholics regard marriage, it proceeds:—"Touching only one of the main points, the civil marriage is condemned by the Roman Catholic Church as concubinage. Civil marriages could have been performed even before in Hongkong at the Registrar's, but the law was not so barefaced as in the present Bill—where the Registrar is constituted high priest who warns the couple that there is no need of religious ceremony. Till now we never spoke to our community on Civil Marriage as there was no necessity, but now as soon as the new Bill shall come into force we shall be bound to condemn publicly Civil Marriage, and the Catholic community will look upon the English Government as a promoter of concubinage." "At the meeting of the Legislative Council the Hon. the Chief Justice began to make some objections to the Bill which were rather substantial, but he was warned by the President that had the Chief Justice proposed any substantial change, the Bill should be sent home already approved with instructions to have it passed. We feel confident that if fair discussion had been allowed the matter would have been another way. The Press of Hongkong did not allow the occasion to pass without crying victory against the Roman Catholic cause. The Press being Protestant in Hongkong, it is very difficult at home to have true ideas of Catholic matters here, which proves the necessity for a Catholic newspaper."

"We were your Lordships to enforce the Bill as it is we fear the following might take place. As we must undergo all penalties rather than go against our consciences, the sensation caused by it in the Colony might be deep and not in favour of English Government. A rupture might follow between the Civil Government and the Roman Catholic authorities, who for 83 years have worked in good harmony to the benefit of the Colony. Such will be the consequence, and we deem it right to inform our Lordship of this state of things."

[The quotations above given will appear in their due place in the extended report of the meeting published in our overland edition.]

## Police Intelligence. (Before James Russell, Esq.) 8th January, 1876.

LARCENY. Woo A-kun, a coppersmith, was charged by the watchman to Messrs. Inglis & Co. with having stolen a few copper nails. He was one of those employed on the premises, and when searched on leaving his work, the things were found on his person. Seven days' hard labour.

DRUNKENNESS. John Warren, seaman British ship *Caroline Magnus*, was charged with refusing to pay chair-hire. He was drunk at the time but quiet. Ordered to pay 60 cents amends.

Fredrick William, carpenter on board the steamer *Pernambuco*, was fined 80 cents and to pay 30 cents chair-hire for a similar offence.

THIEVES' CHAIR-CARRIERS. Two chair-coolies were charged by Mr. F. Degener for dunning him for payment of wages in the street. They were engaged by the month at \$5 each, but did not live on the premises. They frequently gave trouble to the complainant by not coming at the proper time, so that Mr. Degener had often to take an outside chair. Yesterday at 1.10 p.m. they were not in attendance when they replied, "no wages come." They only wanted their wages, and followed complainant through the street. It appeared that they had given some sort of notice to leave, and were therefore only fined 20 cents each for disorderly conduct.

THEFT. Leong Afong was sent to three months' hard labour for stealing three pieces of cloth from the house of Mr. Hancock. The defendant was identified as having been seen in the case before.

CUTTING TREES. P. O. Hennessy, of the Wanich District, charged several men with cutting New Year shrubs at the Wong-wei-chong Valley yesterday. He got them at different times. He did not see any of them cutting, but found them carrying the bundles of branches, and choppers and saws.

The defendants said they got them from Hung Ham and Stanley, and that some of them were for medicine. The Magistrate told the defendants that the destruction of trees and shrubs in the Colony was punishable with whipping, and made the interpreter read the section of the Ordinance, which showed that they might be twice flogged. His Worship also added that the cutting of these trees was not done maliciously, and that consequently the remarks in the recent judgment of the Supreme Court, which referred to the cutting of trees in this Colony, did not apply to a case of this nature; and, of course, never disturbed the power given by Ord. 12 of 1856 to the Magistrates to whip for injuring trees or shrubs, when the injury was not done maliciously or feloniously. The prisoners were told that their real reason for cutting the blossoming shrubs was to have the New Year decorations, and not medicines. Inspector Thomson was told to put up notices at the Happy Valley, informing people that the Magistrates would whip in future all those found destroying the young trees or shrubs. The prisoners were fined \$5 each.

[We are glad to see that the Magistrate's powers for whipping for tree-cutting were never suspended, and it is without doubt the only proper punishment for such frequent acts of vandalism. Malicious cutting of trees is not likely to occur here.—Ed. C. M.]

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## DELIBERATE LEGISLATION.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, Jan. 8, 1876.

Sir,—Are our judges overworked? and if so, should not the Government take immediate steps to obtain for them assistance in the discharge of their onerous and important duties? I do not say positively that they are; but surely there must be some good reason why his Lordship the Chief Justice has not found time, since the 25th of August last, to weigh all his objections to the "Companies Ordinance" brought up for second reading yesterday, and at his request, again postponed "sine die."—I think for the third time! That the terms of this ordinance are identical with those of the Act in force in Great Britain, probably renders their consideration by his Lordship of great importance. No great Reformer wishes his influence to be so local, and doubtless when the "Mountain has brought forth" there will be induced a reconsideration of the law by the Imperial Parliament under the advice of the law officers. But Mr. Editor, why should the whole be deprived of all this wisdom for so long? Verily our Chief Justice, at any rate, must be overworked. How pleasing though to note the sympathy of at least two of our independent non-official members of Council, the Honourable Mr. Byrie and the Honourable Mr. Lowcock! Their wish is doubtless for speedy despatch of the business on hand, and they have no interest in delaying it, while, with characteristic decision, they have probably, long since, mastered the draft of the Ordinance, which, singularly enough, is a very small one. But never shall it be said that they consented to "work the willing horse too hard." What an example for the three hard-headed ones who are considerably excited for the immediate and speedy consideration of the proposed law!

Your obedient servant, SNAIL.

## Quotations.

Hongkong, Jan. 8, 1876.

OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash, 600 credit, 605  
" Old Patna, cash, ... credit,  
" New Benares, cash, 577 1/2 credit, 582 1/2  
" Old Benares, cash, ... credit,  
" New Malwa, cash, 580 credit, 585  
" Allowance Tael, 15 40  
" Old Malwa, cash, 580 credit, 590  
" Allowance Tael, 24 1/2 58

CAMPION, ... 14 1/2 14 1/2  
QUICKSILVER, ... 92  
SALTPETRE, ... 42 1/2 51

## Exchange.

Bank, 6 months' sight, ... 4/0  
Credit, 6 months' sight, ... 4/4  
On Calcutta, Bank demand, ... B 222 1/2  
Bombay, demand, ... B 222 1/2  
Shanghai, demand, ... 72  
Shanghai, 60 days' sight, ... 72 1/2  
Bar Silver, 17, dwt. 2, ...  
Soyee, ...  
Mexican, ... 20 1/2  
Gold Leaf, ... 4 02  
English Sovereigns, ... 4 87  
Australian Sovereigns, ... 4 87  
Discount, ... 6 1/2

## Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 5 per cent. prem.  
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$540  
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$140 ex Int.  
Victoria Fire Ins. Co., \$67 1/2 div.  
H.K. & W. Dock Co., \$8 1/2  
China Traders Ins. Co., \$167 1/2  
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$450  
Chinese Insurance Co., \$218 ex Int.  
North China Ins. Co., Tls. 828  
C. & J. Marine Ins. Co., Tls. 107  
Yangtze Ins. Association, Tls. 620  
H.K. & C. M. S. Boat Co., \$8 1/2  
Union S. Navigation Co., Tls. ...  
Shanghai Steam N. Co., Tls. 78 1/2 div.  
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$80 div.  
Chinese Imperial Loan, \$102 1/2

## Temperatures.

Hongkong, Jan. 8, 1876.

(Taken at Messrs. Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

THERMOMETER.—8 A.M., ... 66 1/2  
Do, 1 P.M., ... 68 1/2  
Do, 4 P.M., ... 68 1/2  
Do, 7 P.M., ... 68 1/2  
BAROMETER.—9 A.M., ... 30.138  
Do, 1 P.M., ... 30.138  
Do, 4 P.M., ... 30.138  
Do, 7 P.M., ... 30.138



government that has been piling the up burden.

I am, Sir, yours truly, HENRY ALLFASH,  
To the Proprietors of NORTON'S CAMP,  
NORTH FIFE.







